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Field Crops Report

As of September 30, **Cotton** harvest is 16 percent complete, compared with 20 percent last year and 16 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** bolls opening was reported as 99 percent open, compared with 100 percent last year, and 98 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 34 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 18 percent moderate and 37 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 10 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central and western Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons last week.

Citrus producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State remained well above average for the week ending September 29. Temperatures ranged from normal at Douglas and Willcox, to 9 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 35 degrees at Flagstaff. No precipitation was reported at any of the 17 reporting stations.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 23 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	62	9	91	47	0.00	5.55	6.96
Casa Grande	80	4	108	61	0.00	6.70	6.51
Coolidge	80	7	110	63	0.00	8.23	6.05
Douglas	72	0	94	50	0.00	8.41	10.66
Flagstaff	54	5	82	35	0.00	14.80	16.78
Gila Bend	84	7	111	70	0.00	4.58	4.79
Grand Canyon	56	8	84	42	0.00	15.93	12.00
Kingman	72	7	97	59	0.00	6.02	7.36
Parker	84	7	113	70	0.00	2.08	3.12
Payson	65	5	92	49	0.00	17.40	16.19
Phoenix	83	9	108	75	0.00	5.62	5.33
Prescott Airport	64	6	90	49	0.00	9.20	10.70
Safford Ag Center	72	4	100	52	0.00	5.35	7.13
Tucson	78	6	103	66	0.00	6.40	9.15
Willcox	70	0	92	44	0.00	11.50	9.82
Winslow	65	5	91	48	0.00	5.70	5.87
Yuma	84	8	108	74	0.00	3.01	2.18

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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